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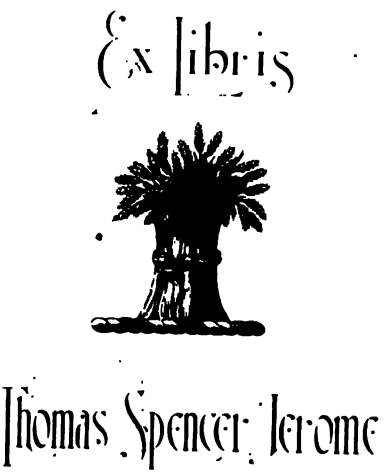

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Preface.

If I could reach, with this little volume, the persevering young English woman of note, who has courageously announced that she reads Browning merely for the mental exercise of looking up for herself the names and allusions she fails to understand, I should believe I had found one appreciative reader.

Persons of extensive reading might find here few instances where research is needed to verify or dispute my application of an epigrammatic saying; but to any one and every one the pleasure and benefit arising from the discovery of romance and interest in lives hitherto regarded with indifference or careless knowledge will repay tl — I am sure — for the time and trouble of looking bey the scant record of general histories.

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Cleopatra.

69 B. C.

If Cleopatra's nose had been shorter, the face of the whole world would have been changed.

Pascal.

Paula.

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There is so great a charm in friendship, that there is even a kind of pleasure in acknowledging oneself duped by the sentiment it inspires.

Talleyrand.

Hypatia.

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All things are in fate; yet [illegible] not decreed by fate.

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Saint Genevieve.

422

There is one peculiarity about the right, it is always beautiful and pure.

Victor Hugo.

Brunehilde.

534

History is only a record of crimes and misfortunes

Voltaire.

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Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

Milton.

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680

To a wounded heart, silence and shadow.

Balzac.

Morozia.

895

The stream of vice will flow as naturally into palaces, as the common sewer flows into the river, and the river flows onward to the sea.

Talleyrand.

Lady Godiva.

1021

Modesty is the conscience of the body

Matilda of Flanders.

1031

The breaking of a heart leaves no traces.

George Sand.

Saint Marguerite of Scotland.

1046

The charity which Plenty spares to Poverty is human and earthly: but it becomes divine and heavenly when Poverty gives to Want.

Mathilda, Countess of Tuscany.

1046

Bravery escapes more dangers than cowardice.

Sègur.

Christina, Nun of Romsey.

1052

Repentance is not so much remorse for what we have done, as the fear of consequences.

La Rochefoucauld.

Alethe, Mother of St. Bernard.

1071

Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children.

Thackeray.

Matilda of Scotland.

1077

One is alone in a crowd when one [illegible] when one loves.

Anne Comnene.

1083

There are people who observe the rules of honor as we observe the stars, from afar off.

Victor Hugo

Héloise.

1101

Let us hope the angels look tenderly down on the sins of too much love.

Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Adelicia of Louvaine.

1102

It is sweeter to fancy we are forgiven, than to think we have not sinned.

Thomas Hardy.

Maud of Boulogne.

1104

If ever woman deserved to be carried by the hands of angels to heaven, it was this lovely queen

Nameless Manuscript.

Eleanora of Aquitaine.

1123

How much one must have suffered to be weary even of hope!

Pauline.

Countess of Tripoli.

1150

There are a great many puzzles in human nature which can only be interpreted by the heart.

Bulwer Lytton.

"Fair Rosamond."

1160

Love, that ever needs forgiveness, has, for its first duty, to forgive.

Bulwer Lytton.

Berengaria of Navarre.

1165

The noblest vengeance is to forgive.

Elizabeth of Hungary.

1207

To believe, to suffer, and to love.

Isabeau de France.

1225

Every age has its plenty of sorrows—heaven help where there are no pleasures.

Thackeray.

Eleanora of Castille.

1244

Every cross hath its inscription.

English Proverb.

Sainte Marguerite de Cortone.

1248

Most women caress sin before embracing penitence

Dante's Beatrice.

1264

She seemed not to be the daughter of mortal man.

Homer.

Jeanne de Bourgogne.

1280

The great question in life is the suffering we cause: and the utmost ingenuity of metaphysics can not justify the man who has pierced the heart that loved him.

Benjamin Constant.

Elizabeth de Clare.

1291

A generous man will place the benefits he confers beneath his feet,—those he receives, nearest his heart.

Talleyrand.

Isabella of France,

"THE FAIR."

1295.

If the devil ever laughs it must be at hypocrites, they serve him well and receive no wages.

Laura de Sade.

1308

For never yet was look of mortal love so pure, so tender, so serene as this.

Petrarch.

Marguerite.

"A LA GRANDE BOUCHE."

1316

Beauty and ugliness disappear equally under the wi
of age: one is lost in them, the other hidden.

Inez de Castro.

1316

Some women kindle emotion so rapidly in a man's heart, that the judgment cannot keep pace with its rise.

Thomas Hardy.

Jeanne de Bourbon.

1337

For any one to have everything in life has its bad side too. It's having heaven already on earth.

Auerbach.

Saint Catherine of Siena.

1347

The pleasure of dying without pain is worth the pain of living without pleasure.

Anne of Bohemia.

1367

Love is the crown of any life; it crowns even the lowliest head.

Auerbach.

Joanna of Navarre.

1370

The waves of life toss our destinies like seaweeds detached from the rock.

Souvestre.

Juliana Berners.

1380

Pleasures are sins: we regret to offend God: but, then, pleasures please us.

Marguerite-Eléonore-Clotilde de Surville.

1405

Woman is a delightful musical instrument, of which love is the bow, and man the artist.

Stendhal.

Joan of Arc.

1412

In thy book, O Lord, are written all that do what they can, though they cannot do what they would.

St. Bernard.

Sainte Catherine de Bologne.

1413

To hate the Devil and all his works is one thing. To say who is the Devil and what are his works is another.

Miss Thackeray.

Margaret of Anjou.

1425

For precocity some great price is always demanded sooner or later in life.

Talleyrand.

Margaret Beaufort.

1441

We shall all be perfectly virtuous when there is no longer any flesh on our bones.

Marguerite de Valois.

Clarice degli Orsini.

1452

Love is the beginning, the middle [illegible] thing.

Anne of Warwick.

1454

Whatever the world may say there are some mortal sorrows: and our lives ebb away less through our blood than through our tears.

Juillerat.

Elizabeth of York.

1466

Our happiness in this world depends chiefly on the affections we are able to inspire.

Mme. de Praslin.

Alessandra Strozzi.

1481

Whoever has learned to love, has learned to be silent.

Mme. de Sartory.

Veronica Gambara.

1485

All women are fond of minds that inhabit fine bodies, and of souls that have fine eyes.

Joubert.

Katherine of Arragon.

1485

To the Kingdom of Heaven we never come but through many troubles.

Katherine of Arragon.

Margaret Tudor.

1489

Sorrow enters with sin.

Vittoria Colonna.

1490

The love which virtue inspired, discretion shall guard.

Hypolita di Torrello.

1498

Love, unrest, and sorrow always journey together.

Proverb.

Diana of Poitiers.

1499

The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest call of duty.

Anne Boleyn.

1504

A coquette is to a man what a toy is to a child: as long as it pleases him he keeps it; when it ceases to please him, he discards it.

Elizabeth Barton,

NUN OF KENT.

1506

Truth and virtue can do less good in the world than their false, well-acted semblance can do evil.

Talleyrand.

Elizabeth Lucas.

1510

By work [illegible] and [illegible] secures the repose of the heart.

Jancourt.

Renée de France.

1510

Love which is attracted by beauty of the body, like it, passes soon away: that inspired by beauty of the mind passes not away, for its object is immortal.

Anne de Bretagne.

Noor Mahal.

1512

Romances are not in books, they are in life.

Catherine Parr.

1513

Finesse has been given to woman to compensate the force of man.

Laclos.

Saint Theresa.

1515

O blessed prayer, thou art the unwearied conquerer of human woes.

Saint Chrysostom.

Mary of Lorraine.

1515

The greatest merit of some men is their wife.

Poincelot.

Margaret Douglas.

1515

It is not so easy to see through a woman as through a man.

George Sand.

"Bloody Mary."

1516

How many coward passions hide themselves under the mask of religion.

Mme. Louise Colet.

Anne of Cleves.

1516

Love may be found in the heart of an anchorite: never in the heart of a libertine.

Legouvé.

Baronne de Fontenille,

"LA BELLE PAULE."

1518

The dream of happiness is real happiness.

Fontanes.

Catherine de Medici.

1519

Great vices, and great virtues, are exceptions in mankind.

Napoleon I.

Magdalene de Valois.

1520

What a blessed thing it is to know that love's sweet reality comes to almost everybody once.

Norris.

Katherine Howard.

1521

A woman repents sincerely of her fault, only after being weaned from her infatuation for the one who induced her to commit it.

Laténa.

Hèlène de Surgères.

1523

I do not know if she was virtuous, but she was ugly and, with a woman, that is half the battle.

Heine.

Madame Louise Labé.

1526

Such is the ordinary advantage which talents possess over beauty: the former please at all times; the latter has but one time to please.

Voltaire.

Lady Elizabeth Fitzgerald,

"FAIR GERALDINE."

1528

After money, *ennui* makes more marriages than love.

Romainville.

Anne Askew.

1529

In everything we must consider the end.

La Fontaine.

Queen Elizabeth.

1533

Prejudice, vanity, calculation: these are what govern the world.

Chamfort.

Leonora d'Este.

1535

Of all the heaven-bestowed privileges of the poet, the highest, the dearest, the most enviable, is the power of immortalizing the object of his love.

Mrs. Jameson.

Lady Jane Grey.

1536

We bring into the world with us a poor, needy, uncertain life, short at the longest and unquiet at the best.

Sir W. Temple.

Mary,

QUEEN OF SCOTS.

1542

Heaven does not regulate things according to our wishes.

Corneille.

Madame de Rieux.

1550

Women who have not fine teeth laugh only with their eyes.

Mme. de Rieux.

Mademoiselle de Montpensier.

1552

God, who repented of having created man, never repented of having created woman.

Malherbe.

Marguerite de Valois.

1552

Love is a disease that kills nobody, but one whose time has come.

Marguerite de Valois.

Louise de Lorraine.

1553

The pleasures of thought are remedies for the wounds of the heart.

Mme. de Staël

Anne Donne.

1562

In the history of the passions each human heart is a world in itself : its experience profits no others.

Bulwer Lytton.

Marie de Medici.

1573

The anger of a woman is the greatest evil with which one can threaten his enemies.

Chillon.

Arabella Stuart.

1575

The thought of death is more cruel than death itself.

De la Boëtie.

Gabrielle D'Estrees.

1576

O, thou art fairer than the evening air,
Clad in the beauty of a thousand stars.

Marlowe.

Marquise de Verneuil.

1579

We ought to die when we are no longer loved.

Mme. Sophie Gray.

Lady Blanche Arundell.

1583

What a woman wills, God wills.

Proverb

Anne Clifford,

COUNTESS OF DORSET.

1590

I have known hundreds and hundreds of women whom you could more easily induce to take hold of a piece of red-hot iron than to part with an opinion formed in anger.

Montaigne.

Marie-Angélique Arnauld.

1591

She was pure as an angel but proud as a demon.

Péréfixe.

Angélique Paulet.

"LA BELLE LIONNE."

1591

So long as one can say "father" and "mother" there is a love on the earth which bears one in its arms: it is only when the parents are gone, that one is set down on the hard ground.

Auerbach.

Lady Mary Armine.

1594

The happiness of others is the joy of those who cannot themselves be happy.

Balzac.

Elizabeth Stuart.

1596

Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards: they simply unveil them to the eyes of man.

Canon Westcott.

Marquise de Sablé,

1598

To commit the least possible sin is the law for man. To live without sin is the dream of an angel.

Victor Hugo.

Esther Inglis.

1600

With time and patience the mulberry-leaf becomes satin.

Proverb.

Anne of Austria.

1601

It is the enjoying, and not merely the possessing, that makes us happy.

Montaigne.

Madeleine de Scudéri.

1607

The head, however strong it may be, can accomplish nothing against the heart.

Mlle. de Scudéri.

Henrietta Maria.

1609

Only second-rate hearts and minds are melancholy,

Canon Kingsley.

Charlotte de la Trémouille.

1612

Helper of the poor and suffering,
Victor in a glorious strife.

Ninon de Lenclos.

1615

Words really flattering are not those which we prepare but those which escape us unthinkingly.

Ninon de Lenclos.

Bourignon.

1616

Higher than heaven is what thou canst do, and deeper than hell is what thou canst know.

Madame de Hautefort

1616

Paradise is open to all kind hearts. God welcomes whoever has dried tears—either under the crown of the martyrs, or under wreaths of flowers.

Béranger.

Duchesse de Longueville.

1619

Pleasure has its time; so, too, has wisdom—make love in thy youth, and in old age, attend to thy salvation.

Voltaire.

Lady Dorothea Sydney.

1620

Love pleases more than marriage, for the reason that romance is more interesting than history.

Chamfort.

Dorothy Osborne.

1620

Fortune, good or ill, as I take it, does not change men and women. It but develops their characters.

Thackeray.

Lucy Hutchinson.

1620

A woman whose ruling passion is not vanity is superior to any man of equal capacity.

Lavater.

Dame Langlois de Motteville.

1621

Only true love lives after you—follows your memory with secret blessing—or precedes you and intercedes for you.

Thackeray.

Angélique de Saint-Jean.

1624

There may be as much courage displayed in enduring with resignation the sufferings of the soul, as in remaining firm under the showers of shot from a battery.

Napoleon I.

Jacqueline Pascal.

1625

Before wondering at the degradation of a soul, one should know what blows it has received, and what it has suffered from its own grandeur.

Mme. Louise Colet.

Madame de Sévigné.

1626

The heart has no wrinkles.

Sévigné.

Duchesse de Montpensier.

"GRANDE MADEMOISELLE."

1627

One always wishes to be happy before becoming wise.

Mme Necker.

Sophia,

ELECTRESS OF HANOVER.

1630

Convictions that remain silent are neither sincere nor profonnd.

Mary Beale.

1632

The surest way to please is to forget one's self, and to think only of others.

Moncrif.

Marie Marguerite Brinvilliers.

1634

Hyprocrites are wicked: they hide their defects with so much care, that their hearts are poisoned by them.

Marguerite de Valois.

Madame de Lafayette.

1634

One may forgive infidelity, but one does not forget it.

Mlle. de Lafayette.

Mrs Reeves.

1635

Women give themselves to God when the devil wants nothing more to do with them.

Gould.

Madame de Maintenon.

1635

Sin is not so sinful as hypocrisy.

Madame de Maintenon.

Catherine of Braganza.

1638

The love of a bad woman kills others: the love of a good and noble woman kills herself.

George Sand.

Marie Mancini.

PRINCESSE COLONNA.

1640

Love makes time pass, and time makes love pass.

Proverb.

Duchesse de Mazarin.

1640

Man, I tell you, is a vicious animal.

Molière.

Madame des Ursins.

1640

Women never lie more astutely than when they tell the truth to those who do not bellieve them.

Comtesse de Grammont.

1641

Woman is the sweetest present [illegible] to man.

[illegible]

Mary Carleton.

1642

Hardly shall you find any one so bad but he desires the credit of being thought good.

South.

Mlle. de La Vallière.

1644

Women love always: when earth slips from them they take refuge in heaven.

Henrietta Anne,

DUCHESS OF ORLEANS.

1644

Too much sensibility creates unhappiness; too much insensibility creates crime.

Talleyrand.

Marquise de Lambert.

1647

Poverty of the soul is worse than that of fortune.

Marquise de Lambert.

Madame Guyon.

1648

One triumphs over calumny only by disdaining it.

Mme. de Maintenon.

Faustina Maratti.

1648

Jealousy is the apprehension of superiority.

Shenstone.

Madame de Grignan.

1648

We have not always enough reason to employ all our strength.

La Rochefoucauld.

We have not always sufficient strength to employ all our reason.

Mme. de Grignan.

Princesse de Soubise.

1648

For her own person,
It beggar'd all description.

Shakspere.

Princess Orsini.

1649

An old coquette has all the defects of a young one, and none of her charms.

Dupuy.

Nell Gwynne.

1650

Death is the only trustworthy friend of the miserable.

Margaret Godolphin.

1652

Paradise was made for tender hearts; hell, for loveless hearts.

Voltaire.

Madame Dacier.

1654

Languages begin by being a music, and end by being an algebra.

Ampère.

Marquise de Chamillart.

1657

The world is a book, the language of which is unintelligible to many people.

Méry.

Mary Beatrice of Modena.

1658

We can hardly learn humility and tenderness enough except by suffering.

George Eliot.

Elizabeth Barry.

1658

The destiny of women is to please, to be amiable, and to be loved. Those who do not love them are still more in the wrong than those who love them too much.

Rochebrune.

Sarah Jennings,

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

1660

Far from court, far from care.

Latin Proverb of the Middle Ages.

Catherine Bernard.

1662

One of the first conditions of learning in a woman is to keep the fact a profound secret.

Balzac.

Madame de Catellan.

1662

Ideas are a capital that bears interest only in the hands of talent.

Rivarol.

Madame de Pontchartrain.

1663

Taste is the tact of the mind.

Boufflers.

Anne Bracegirdle.

1663

Coquettes are like hunters who are fond of hunting, but do not eat the game.

Queen Anne.

1664

Animals feed, men eat; but only men of intelligence know how to eat.

Brillat-Savarin.

Lady Grizel Jerviswoode.

1665

Every being should fulfil his vocation.

De Neufchateau.

Catherine Burton.

1668

Good actions are the invisible hinges of the doors of heaven.

Victor Hugo.

Comtesse de Verrue.

1670

The things of the earth are not worth our attachment to them.

Nicole.

Comtesse de Murat.

1670

Woman's virtue is perhaps a question of temperament.

Balzac.

Lady Frances Brudenel.

1673

If there's delight in love, 'tis when I see
The heart that others bleed for—bleed for me!

Congreve.

Elizabeth Halkett.

1677

Celebrity: the advantage of being known to those who do not know us.

Chamfort.

Catherine Cockburn.

1679

Most women who ride well on horseback have little tenderness. Like the amazons, they lack a breast.

Mrs. Centlivre.

1680

The science of women, as that of men, must be limited according to their powers: the difference of their characters ought to limit that of their studies.

Fénelon.

Madame Guibert.

1682

One blushes oftener from the wounds of self-love than from modesty.

Mme. Guibert.

Madame de Lussan.

1682

We easily hate those whom we have given cause to hate us.

Mme. de Lussan.

Esther Johnson.

SWIFT'S "STELLA."

1684

Nothing proves better the necessity of an indissoluble marriage than the instability of passion.

Balzac.

Mary Chandler.

1687

A woman who is not susceptible has not yet seen the man whom she must love.

La Bruyère.

Marie Louise of Spain.

1688

Contrasts make more intimate unions than similarity of disposition.

Mme. de Graffigny.

Mary Barber.

1690

Women are seldom so clever but that they sometimes fall into the snare of their own vanity.

George Sand.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu.

1690

It is a great thing to mix betimes with clever pe
One picks their brains unconsciously.

Bu

Madame de Fontaines.

1690

To woman, mildness is the best means to be right.

Mme. de Fontaines.

Patty Blount.

1690

One of the most effectual ways of pleasing and of making one's self loved is to be cheerful: joy softens more hearts than tears.

Mme. de Sartory.

Mrs. Eliza Haywood.

1693

More evil truths are discovered by the corruption of the heart than by the penetration of the mind.

Talleyrand.

Louise Elisabeth de Bourbon-Condé.

1693

A book is good company. It is full of conversation without loquacity. It comes to your longing with full instruction but pursues you never.

Henry Ward Beecher.

Esther Vanhomrigh.

SWIFT'S "VANESSA."

1693

There are some sorrows of which we should never be consoled.

Mme. de Sévigné.

Anne Iwanowna.

1693

To succeed in the world, it is much more necessary to possess the penetration to discover who is a fool than to discover who is a clever

Talleyrand.

Comtesse de Sabran.

1695

Princes and lackeys are cut from the same dough: God at the creation set it apart from that from which he made everybody else.

Comtesse de Sabran.

Marquise de Graffigny.

1695

Only the victims of love know how to soften its pains.

Mme. de Graffigny.

Marquise du Deffand.

1697

Women are never stronger than when they arm themselves with their weakness.

Mme. du Deffand.

Madame Geoffrin.

1699

There are three things that women throw away: their time, their money, and their health.

Mme. Geoffrin.

Faustina Bordoni.

1700

Kindness is the only charm permitted to the aged: it is the coquetry of white hair.

Feuillet.

Félicité Leszinska.

1703

A book is the best of company. It is not offended at your absent-mindedness, nor jealous, if you turn to other pleasures.

Marquise du Châtelet.

1706

Self-love is always the mainspring, more or less concealed, of our actions : it is the wind which swells the sails, without which the ship could not go.

Mme. du Châtelet.

Mrs. Constantia Grierson.

1706

Strong thoughts are iron nails driven in the mind, that nothing can draw out.

Diderot.

Anne Petrowna.

1706

A woman has often committed herself by talking, never by holding her tongue.

Punch.

Selina,

COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON.

1707

It is never the opinions of others that displease us, but the pertinacity they display in obtruding them upon us.

Joubert.

Mademoiselle de Camargo.

1710

Beauty is often but a splendid cloak which conceals the imperfections of the soul.

Gautier.

Kitty Clive.

1711

Love that has nothing but beauty to keep it in good health is short-lived and apt to have ague fits.

Erasmus.

Mademoiselle Dumesnil.

1711

It is more difficult to dissimulate the sentiments we have, than to simulate those we have not.

De Saint-Réal.

Phoebe Hessel.

1713

When death consents to let us live a long time, it takes successively as hostages all those we have loved.

Mme. Necker.

Susannah Maria Cibber.

1714

Remember that nature makes every man love all women, and trusts the trivial matter of special choice to the commonest accident.

Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Maria Theresa.

1717

That courage which arises from the sense of our duty, acts always in an uniform manner, and according to the dictates of right reason.

Addison.

Lucy Fortescue

1718

The wheels of pleasure moved without the aid of hope.

Peg Woffington.

1718

To amuse the public: what a sad vocation for one w thinks!

Elizabeth Robinson Montagu.

1720

He that knows how to make those he converses with easy, has found the true art of living, and being welcome and valued everywhere.

Locke.

Madame de Puisieux.

1720

Would you know how to give? Put yourself in the place of him who receives.

Mme. de Puisieux.

Madame d'Arconville.

1720

It is always imprudent to marry a woman for love in whose bosom you inspire none.

Mme. d'Arconville.

Louisa Ulrica.

1720

There is a woman at the bottom of all great things.

Lamartine.

Madame de Pompadour

1721

I have seen more than one woman drown her honor in the clear water of diamonds.

D'Houdetot.

Mademoiselle Clairon.

1723

God made her small in order to do a more choice bit of workmanship.

Alfred de Musset.

Fraulein von Klettenberg.

1723

Life also needs dark leaves in its wreath.

Goethe.

Madame d 'Epinay.

1725

The profession of woman is very hard.

Mme. d 'Epinay.

Hester Chapone.

1727

The heart of a woman never grows old : when it has ceased to love, it has ceased to live.

Rochepèdre.

Meta Moller.

1727

The thought of eternity consoles us for the shortness of life.

Malesherbes.

Jeanne Maissin.

1728

There are beautiful flowers that are scentless, and beautiful women that are unlovable.

Houellé.

Countess von Voss.

1729

Renunciation means sorrow, though a sorrow borne willingly.

Geo

Mademoiselle Guimard.

1729

Thin women when young, remind me of dried butterflies—when old, of spiders.

Byron.

Catherine II.

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

1729

A woman who is guided by the head and not by the heart is a social pestilence: she has all the defects of the passionate and affectionate woman, with none of her compensations: she is without pity, without love, without virtue, without sex.

Balzac.

Penelope Carwardine.

1730

To forgive a fault in another is more sublime than to be faultless one's self.

George Sand.

Catarina Gabrielli.

1730

When our vices leave us, we flatter ourselves we are leaving them.

La Rochefoucauld.

Madame d'Houdetot.

1730

To make love when one is young and fair is a venial sin; it is a mortal sin when one is old and ugly.

Dennis.

Catherina Elizabetha Goethe,

GOETHE'S MOTHER.

1731

I go without pretension through the world, and that pleases all earth's sons and daughters.

Catherina Elizabetha Goethe.

Marquise de Saint-Chamond.

1731

All those observers who have spent their llves in the study of the human heart, know less about the signs of love than the most brainless, yet sensitive woman.

Rousseau.

Martha Washington.

1732

There are no unions that have not their dark days; but, when we have loved each other, we remember it always, and those sweet remembrances, that the heart accumulates, survive love like twilight.

Hannah Ball.

1734

I have found that there is an intimate connection between the character of women and the fancy which makes them choose such and such material.

Prosper Mérimée.

Lady Diana Beauclerk.

1734

We should love our friends as true amateurs love pictures: they keep their eyes perpetually fixed on the fine points, and do not see the defects.

Mme. Dufresnoy.

Mrs. Ann Spranger Barry.

1734

Men do nothing excellent but by imitation of nature.

Rousseau.

Louise-Marie of France.

1737

Life is a combat, of which the palm is in heaven.

Delavigne.

Anne Catley.

1737

There is something in all hearts that can be reached, some chord that will give forth sweet music, if we only have the skill to touch it.

Madame Necker.

1739

To be loved is to receive the greatest of all compliments.

Mme. Necker.

Angelica Kauffman.

1740

Art is truth and truth is religion, and its study and practice a daily work of pious duty.

Thackeray.

Rebecca Motte.

1740

There is pleasure in meeting the eyes of those to whom we have done good.

La Bruyère.

Mrs. Thrale.

1741

That trick of loving is a foolish, foolish one, that wise women will rid themselves of as quickly as possible.

Marquise de Grollier.

"RAPHAEL DES FLEURS."

1742

Misfortune is never mournful to the soul that accepts it; for such do always see that every cloud is an angel's face.

Saint Jerome.

Abigail Adams.

1744

The more one judges, the less one loves.

Balzac.

Sophie Arnould.

1744

Woman is an overgrown child that one amuses with toys, intoxicates with flattery, and seduces with promises.

Sophie Arnould.

Hannah More.

1745

Great minds are bravely eccentric : they scorn the beaten track.

Goldsmith.

Comtesse du Barri.

1746

Whilst you are prosperous, you can number many friends ; but when the storm comes, you are left alone.

Ovid.

Marie-Rose Vestris.

1746

Men, in praising, naturally applaud the dead. Tragedy celebrated the dead.

Burke.

Madame de Genlis.

1746

If you would succeed in the world, it is necessary that, when entering a salon, your vanity should bow to that of others.

Mme. de Genlis.

Anna Seward.

1747

Her poems are thoughts that breathe, and words that burn.

Polwhele.

Susanna Blamire.

1747

Love is better than spectacles to make everything seem great.

Sir P. Sidney.

Mary Eleanor Bowes,

COUNTESS OF STRATHMORE.

1749

In love, it is only the commencement that charms. I am not surprised that one finds pleasure in frequently recommencing.

Prince de Ligne.

Princesse de Lamballe.

1749

Friendship is the shadow of the evening, which strengthens with the setting sun of life.

La Fontaine.

Jane,

DUCHESS OF GORDON.

1749

How small a blank people seem to make when they are gone, however large the space they seemed to fill when they were present; except, indeed, to two or three hearts.

Lady Anne Barnard.

1750

We seldom confide a secret : it escapes us.

Alfred Bougeart.

Caroline Herschel.

1750

The discovery of a new dish does more for the happiness of man than the discovery of a star.

Brillat-Savarin.

Elizabeth Berkeleigh.

1750

Thoughtless of beauty, she was beauty's self.

Thomson.

Catherine Ann Dorset.

1750

Women are ever extreme: they are better or worse than men.

La Bruyère.

Laetitia Ramolini,

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER.

1750

Good things which belong to prosperity are to be wished, but the good things which belong to adversity are to be admired.

Seneca.

Madame de Montolieu.

1751

In separations, the one who departs is the soonest consoled.

Mme. de Montolieu.

Elizabeth Hartley.

1751

She talks lusciously, and has a slovenly good nature about her that renders her prodigiously vulgar.

Madame d'Arblay.

1752

We must bear something from our friends.

Molière.

Madame Campan.

1752

Love which cannot suffer is unworthy of the name of love.

Madame de Sainte-Amaranthe.

1752

Woman is a perfected devil.

Victor Hugo.

Susannah Harrison.

1752

Woman lives by sentiment, man by action.

Balzac.

Louisa,

COUNTESS OF ALBANY.

1753

The sin that practice burns into the blood,
And not the one dark hour which brings remorse,
Will brand us after, of whose fold we be.

Tennys

Madame Mara.

1753

A German singer! I should as soon expect to get pleasure from the neighing of my horse.

Frèderick the Great.

Madame Roland.

1754

In life as in whist: Hope nothing from the way cards may be dealt to you. Play the cards, whatever they be, to the best of your skill.

Bulwer Lytton.

Mademoiselle Boquet.

1754

In love, she who gives her portrait promises the original.

Dupuy.

Madame Vigée Le Brun.

1755

The highest thing that art can do is to set before you the true image of the presence of a noble human being. It has never done more than this and it ought not to do less.

Ruskin.

Marie Antoinette.

1755

Nothing but the Infinite pity is sufficient for the infinite pathos of human life.

Sarah Siddons.

1755

Tragedy is always a mistake—and the loneliness of the deepest thinker, the widest lover, ceases to be pathetic to us as soon as the sun is high enough above the mountains.

Margaret Fuller Ossoli.

Madame de Luynes.

1755

The error of certain women is to imagine that, to acquire distinction, they must imitate the manners of men.

De Maistre.

Frederike Brion.

1755

A ship ought not to be held by one anchor, nor life by a single hope.

Epictetus.

Mrs. Fitzherbert.

1756

One may be better than his reputation or his conduct, but never better than his principles.

Laténa.

Madame Saint-Huberty.

1756

Fame is, for woman, only a splendid mourning for happiness.

Mme. de Staël.

Madame de Villette.

1757

It is beauty that begins to please, and tenderness that completes the charm.

Fontenelle.

Georgiana Cavendish,

DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.

1757

Nature has said to woman: Be fair if thou [illegible] virtuous if thou wilt; but, considerate, thou must [illegible]

Beaumar[illegible]

Madame de Talleyrand.

1758

It was Talleyrand who said that "one must have loved a woman of genius in order to comprehend what happiness there is in loving a fool."

Marie Darby Robinson.

1758

Knowledge, wit, and courage alone excite our admiration: and thou, sweet and modest Virtue, remainest without honors.

Rousseau.

Clotilde,

QUEEN OF SARDINIA.

1759

A great career is a dream of youth realized in mature age.

De Vigny.

Brigitta Giorgi Banti.

1759

Expression is of more consequence than shape; it will light up features otherwise heavy.

Sir C. Bell.

Elizabeth Cavendish.

DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE.

1759

If she chose to beckon the lord chancellor from his woolsack in full sight of the world, he could not resist obedience.

Gibbon.

Countess de Vemieiro.

1760

He knows very little of the human heart who imagines we cannot do a good action; but, alas! he knows still less of it who supposes we can always be doing good actions.

Bulwer Lytton.

Marie Anne Fleury.

1761

Let those who would affect singularity with success first determine to be very virtuous, and they will be sure to be very singular.

Colton.

Joana Baillie.

1762

O woman! it is thou that causest the tempests that agitate mankind.

Rousseau

Empress Josephine.

1763

Wounds of the heart! your traces are bitter, slow to heal, and always ready to reopen.

De Musset.

Lady Hamilton.

1764

Whoever takes upon himself to educate woman's heart ought to tremble for himself.

Thomases.

Madame Saint-Aubin.

1764

It was love who invented music.

Virey.

Anne Radcliffe.

1764

A farthing candle is more convenient for household purposes than the stars.

Bulwer Lytton.

Madame Elizabeth.

1764

Nothing so soon reconciles us to the thought of our own death, as the prospect of one friend after another dropping around us.

Seneca.

Mary Lamb

1765

There are some who are born with a sorrow in the heart.

Lamennais.

Catherine Fanshawe.

1765

The worst of all fates—to be unable to be pleasing.

Balzac.

Madame de Krudener.

1766

Cold natures have only recollections; tender natures have remembrances.

Mme. de Krudener.

Maria Edgeworth.

1767

Being less than great is not being small.

Boiste.

Madame de Salm.

1767

The conversation of women in society resembles the straw used in packing china: it is nothing, yet, without it, everything would be broken.

Mme. de Salm.

Charlotte Corday.

1768

A woman can die for her friend as well as the bravest Roman knight.

Jeremy Taylor.

Rachel Jackson.

1768

A woman's heart is much more delicately organized than our own. It seems as if her feelings, always so tender and sensitive, are influenced by mysterious agencies, and she divines before she understands.

Octave Feuillet.

Margaret Harvey.

1768

A good deed is never lost: he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

Basil.

Maria Theresa Bland.

1769

The loss of illusions is the death of the soul.

Chamfort.

Elizabeth Billington.

1770

The sweetest harmony is the voice of her whom we love.

La Bruyère.

Madame Tallien.

1770

Tell a woman once that she is beautiful, and the devil will repeat it to her ten times.

Italian Proverb.

Sarah Harriet Burney.

1770

Enjoy what you have; hope for what you lack.

Lévis.

Madame Chevalier.

1770

The attainment of our greatest desires is often the source of our greatest sorrows.

Martha Jefferson Randolf.

1771

Earth has one angel less and heaven one more, since yesterday.

Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Dorothy Madison.

1772

The desire to please is born in woman before the desire to love.

Ninon de Lenclos.

Madame de Bawr.

1773.

One can be wife and widow but once with dignity.

Joubert.

Josephina Grassin.

1773

A virtuous woman has a fibre more or a fibre less than other women. She is stupid or sublime.

Balzac.

Margaret Catchpole.

1773

Young saint, old devil; young devil, old saint.

Proverb.

Madame Guizot.

1773

Very few people know what love is, and very few of those that do, tell of it.

Mme Guizot.

Madame Cottin

1773

Love is a fever, of which the delirium is to believe itself eternal.

Mme. Cottin.

Lady Holland.

1773

It is easy for some natures to say a disagreeable thing, but it is not always easy to carry a disagreeable thing off cleverly. This Lady Holland could do.

Princess Liechtenstein.

Aimée-Cécile Renault.

1774

There are two things to which we never grow accustomed,—the ravages of time, and the injustice of our fellow men.

Talleyrand.

Louisa Catherine Adams.

1775

Woman has a smile for every joy, and a tear for every sorrow.

Sainte-Foix.

Jane Austen.

1775

Women are famous judges; the slightest action or the most secret thought is not hidden from them.

Edmond About.

Duchesse de Fleury.

1776

The Orientals sequestrate their women. A woman who loves should sequestrate herself.

Balzac.

Lady Hester Stanhope.

1776

I can not see why women are so desirous of imitating men. I could understand the wish to be a boa constrictor, a lion, or an elephant; but a man! that surpasses my comprehension.

Gautier.

Madame de Staël.

1776

Women are right to crave beauty at any price, since beauty is the only merit that men do not contest with them.

Dupuy.

Clotilde-Augustine Malfleuroy.

1776

In buying horses and in taking a wife, shut your eyes tight and commend yourself to God.

Tuscan Proverb.

Madame Recamier.

1777

When we think of the tenderness, of the grace, of the charm, of the happiness, or at least of the consolation that woman brings to the life of man, one is tempted to speak to her only with uncovered head, and bowed knee.

Desnoyers.

Duchesse d'Angoulême.

1778

The cause of our grandeur may become that of our ruin.

Arnault.

Nellie Custis.

1778

Woman is a flower that exhales her perfume only in the shade.

Lamennais.

Mademoiselle Mars.

1779

O youth! ephemeral song, eternal canticle! The world may end, the heavens fall, yet loving voices would still find an echo in the ruins of the universe!

Jules Janin.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth.

1779

Generosity is but the pity of noble souls.

Chamfort.

Frances Dorothy Cartwright.

1780

It is with true love as with apparitions. Every one talks of it but few have seen it.

La Rochefoucauld.

Madame de Remusat.

1780

Society depends upon women. The nations that confine them are unsociable.

Voltaire.

Angelica Catalini.

1780

All that is enviable is not bought: love, genius, beauty, are divine gifts that the richest can not acquire.

Mme. Louise Colet.

Pauline Bonaparte,

1780

Imperious Venus is less potent than caressing Venus.

Sophie Schröder.

1781

There are some lips from which even the proudest women love to hear the censure which appears to disprove indifference.

Bulwer Lytton.

Désirée,

QUEEN OF SWEDEN.

1781

Thou rare example, amid evil times of true, ancient, filial, and conjugal love.

Alfiere.

Madame Swetchine.

1782

Those who appear cold, but are only timid, as soon as they dare to love, adore.

Mme. Swetchine.

Marie Amélie de Bourbon.

1782

A woman can be held by no stronger tie than the knowledge that she is loved.

Mme. de Motteville.

Hannah Van Buren.

1782

The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history.

George Eliot.

Hortense Eugenie Beauharnais.

1783

How long seems the night to the sorrow that wakes!

Saurin.

Sarah Bartley.

1783

To know how to wait is the great secret of success

De Maistre.

Theodosia Burr.

1783

To love is to make a compact with sorrow.

Mlle. de Lespinasse.

Sarah Biffin.

1784

There is always the sweetening branch by the bitter river and the strengthening angel in the garden of shadows.

Madame de Lieven.

1784

That eternal distinction—*cet air grande dame*—is one of the most precious gifts that God—the God of women—can by any possibility bestow.

Balzac.

Zoë,

COMTESSE DU CAYLA.

1784

Repentance is a second innocence.

De Bonald.

Duchesse d'Abrantès.

1785

One writes well only of what one has seen or suffered.

De Goucourt.

Madame Desbordes-Valmore.

1785

The life of poets—love and tears.

Mme. Desbordes-Valmore.

Anne Elizabeth Baker.

1786

Science seldom renders men amiable; women, never.

Beauchêne.

Augustina Saragoza.

1786

Honor is dearer than life to noble hearts.

Corneille.

Mademoiselle Georges.

1787

It is useless to have youth without beauty, or beauty without youth.

La Rochefoucauld.

Susy Hawkins.

1787

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

Charron.

Margaret,

COUNTESS OF BLESSINGTON.

1789

A woman's head is always influenced by her heart, but a man's heart is always influenced by his head.

Countess of Blessington.

Madame Mohl.

1790

The art of conversation consists less in showing one's own wit than in giving opportunity for the display of wit in others.

La Bruyère.

Madame de Sartory.

1790

There is nothing more tiresome than the conversation of a lover who has nothing to desire, and nothing to fear.

Mme. de Sartory.

Letitia Christian Tyler.

1790

He who receives his friends, and takes no personal care in preparing the meal that is designed for them, is not deserving of friends.

Brillat-Savarin.

Maria Louisa.

1791

Divorce is necessary in advanced civili[illegible]

Lady Byron.

1792

When death, the great Reconciler has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity.

George Eliot.

Duchesse de Dino.

1792

Manners, morals, customs change: the passions are always the same.

Mme. de Flahaut.

Sally Booth.

1793

The waltz is the charging step of love.

Murger.

Lucretia Mott.

1793

Disguise thyself as thou wilt, still, slavery, said I, still thou art a bitter draught.

Sterne.

Felicia Hemans.

1794

In the heart, as in the ocean, the great tides ebb and flow.

Bulwer Lytton.

Mother Frances Mary Theresa.

1794

I still can say, those who win heaven, blest are they

Robert Brown

Charlotte,

PRINCESS OF WALES.

1796

The way to heaven is by Weeping-Cross.

English Proverb.

Madame de Berny.

1797

We need the friendship of a man in great trials; of a woman in the affairs of every-day life.

Thomas.

Madame Vestris.

1797

Women have achieved excellence in every fine art to which they have applied themselves.

Ariosto.

Therese-Alberte-Louise Robinson.

"TALVI."

1797

Ink is the great missive weapon in all battles of the learned.

Swift.

Madame Pasta.

1798

Celebrity sells dearly what we think she gives.

Souvestre.

Anne Caldwell Marsh.

1798

Women are too imaginative and sensitive to have much logic.

Mme. du Deffand.

Comtesse de Segur.

1799

Genius now and then produces a lucky trifle.

Dr. S. Johnson.

Madame de Saint-Surin.

1800

The best victory is to vanquish one's heart.

Mme. de Saint-Surin.

Madame de Choiseul.

1800

In love, the only way to resist temptation is sometimes to succumb to it.

Mme. de Choiseul.

Anna Maria Hall.

1800

We should not pass from the earth without leaving traces to carry our memory to posterity.

Napoleon I.

Fredrika Bremer.

1801

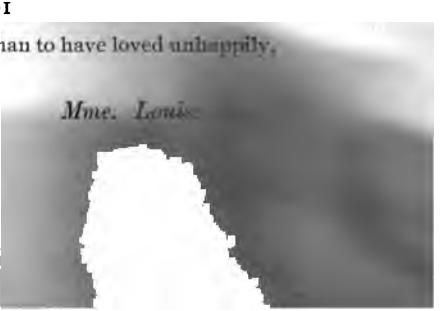
Great thoughts spring from the heart.

Vauvenargues.

Jane Carlyle.

1801

Better to have never loved, than to have loved unhappily, or to have *half* loved.



Comtesse Potocka.

1802

Devotion is the last love of women.

Saint-Evremond.

Madame Reybaud.

1802

To continue love in marriage is a science. It is so difficult to maintain a man at the height on which an exalted passion has placed him, especially when that man is one's husband.

Mme. Reybaud.

Baroness Bunsen.

1802

We attract hearts by the qualities we display; we retain them by the qualities we possess.

Suard.

Sara Coleridge.

1802

A beautiful woman with the qualities of a noble man is the most perfect thing in nature: we find in her all the merits of both sexes.

La Bruyère.

George Sand.

1804

A woman who writes commits two sins: she increases the number of books, and decreases the number of women.

Karr.

Delphine Gay.

1804

But oh! really to feel the glow of action, without its weariness, what heaven it must be!

Margaret Fuller.

Comtesse de Bassanville.

1805

He ploughs the waves, sows the sand, and hopes to gather the wind in a net, who places his hopes on the heart of a woman.

Sanzaro.

Madame d' Agoult.

1805

True love is rare; true friendship, still rarer.

La Fontaine.

Fanny Mendelssohn.

1805

The Woman-soul leadeth us Upward and On.

Henrietta Sontag.

1805

Woman, by nature, is a thing of change.

Petrarch.

Sarah Flower Adams.

1805

Poetry has been the guardian angel of humanity in all ages.

Lamartine.

Maria Christina.

1806

Certain acts may be rendered legal, but can never be made legitimate.

Talleyrand.

Lady Chatterton.

1806

The tongue of women is their sword and they take care not to let it rust.

Chinese Proverb.

Caroline Bauer.

1807

All women, however denaturalized by civilization, have an instinct toward love.

Edwards.

Madame Louise Colet.

1808

Physical beauty in man has become as rare as his moral beauty has always been.

Mme. Louise Colet.

Mrs. Norton.

1808

Have we ever grieved on account of having done our duty?

Chamfort.

Malibran.

1808

What we gain by experience is nct worth what we lose in illusion.

Petit-Senn.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

1809

Your soul was pure and true,
The good stars met in your horoscope,
Made you of spirit, fire, and dew.

Robert Browning.

Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell.

1810

Women are constantly the dupes, or the victims, of their extreme sensitiveness.

Balzac.

Margaret Fuller Ossoli.

1810

It may be asked why, with this daily and noble self-devotion she was not universally beloved. It can be very briefly told: she wanted tact.

Higginson.

Guilietta Grisi.

1812

Love is the charm which makes us tender to failings, not blind to them.

Louisa Parr.

Madame A. Ségalas.

1814

Skeleton, what hast thou done with the soul ?

Mme. Ségalas.

Grace Darling.

1815

Sow good services ; sweet remembrances will grow from them.

Mme. de Staël.

Charlotte Brontë

1816

Indisputably, a great, good, handsome man is the first of created beings.

Charlotte Brontë

Fanny Persiani

1818

Memory records services with a pencil, injuries with a graver.

De Ségur.

Caroline Fox.

1819

The friends of our friends are our friends.

Proverb.

Jenny Lind.

1820

From the moment it is touched, the heart can not dry up.

Bourdaloue.

George Eliot.

1820

It is not true that love makes all things easy: it makes us choose what is difficult.

George Eliot.

Mary Todd Lincoln.

1821

We are never as happy, nor as unhappy, as we fancy.

La Rochefoucauld.

Sidney Frances Bateman.

1823

There is something of woman in everything that pleases.

Dupaty.

Florence Nightingale.

1823

Do not take women from the bedside of those who suffer: it is their post of honor.

Mme. Cécile Fée.

Charlotte Alington Barnard.

1830

The best written book is a receipt for a pottage.

Voltaire.

Madame Bachi.

1830

Every man holds in his hand a stone to throw at us in adversity.

Mme. Bachi.

Mademoiselle Titiens.

1834

The public! the public! How many fools does it take to make up a public?

Chamfort.

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